

Mr. Hirase has expressed to me, in writing, his willingness, in case he is aided by friends in America to the extent of \$5,000, to have that sum expended under the supervision of the Trustees of the Doshisha University, in paying the last bills on the plant; to guarantee perpetually the free use of the Museum to students of the Doshisha University; and, in case of the discontinuance of the Museum, to cover into the treasury of the Doshisha for the use of that institution, the \$5,000 advanced in aid of his undertaking.

A number of gentlemen have already by word of mouth or in writing indicated a desire to aid Mr. Hirase. Is not the present the best time to carry out this purpose?

Please send your checks—large or small—to Mr. C. W. Johnson, Boston Society of Natural History, Boston, Mass., and thus discharge, in part, the debt due Mr. Hirase. He does not seek pay. He is worthy of our best sympathy and encouragement.

A good museum of the kind he plans will be of immense value to Japan and the world of science, will be a generous crown to his life of hard work, and an encouragement to other lovers of science to emulate his example.

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NOTES.

JAMES JOHNSON WHITE.—We regret to announce the death of our friend Mr. J. J. White, which occurred at Rockledge, Florida, April 26, 1912. He was born in Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 13, 1846. Moved with his parents to Illinois, and later lived in Iowa. In 1885 he removed to Florida, living at Palm Beach, and since 1892 at Rockledge. Mr. White was deeply interested in the study of mollusca, and by correspondence and exchange was known to many of the readers of THE NAUTILUS.

UNIO SILONGWEENSIS, a new name for *Unio vicinus* Preston not Lea. Mr. Bryant Walker has called my attention to the fact that the name *Unio vicinus*, used by me in the Annals & Magazine of Natural History, Ser. 8, Vol. VI, 1910, p. 60, Pl. IV, fig. 7 for a Central African species, was preoccupied by Lea in 1856 (Jl. Acad. Nat. Sci., Philadelphia, Vol. 4, p. 61 and Lea, Obs. on genus Unio, Vol. 6, p. 61). I now propose the new name *Unio silongweensis* for the African form.—H. B. PRESTON.